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PATENT
1614-0254P

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	1b MENDEL-HARTVIG	Conf.:	4436
Appl. No.:	09/972,882	Group:	1641
Filed:	October 10, 2001	Examiner:	G. COUNTS
For:	ASSAY METHOD AND KIT THEREFOR		

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

April 28, 2003

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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						TOTAL	\$0.00

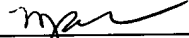
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- ☐ Petition for () month(s) extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). \$0.00 for the extension of time.
- ☒ No fee is required.
- ☐ Check(s) in the amount of \$0.00 is(are) enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. This form is submitted in triplicate.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT

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April 28, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action issued January 27, 2003 the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 11, 20, 23 and 26 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please replace claims 1, 4, 6-7, 12, 19, 21, 22, 24, 25, 27, 28, 31, and 33-38 with the following amended claims.